

Is your building prepared for storm season?



Preparing your facility for spring storms can result in decreased operational expenditures and increased building longevity.

1. Inspect your facility for existing damage or potential issues. Make repairs where necessary and secure items that could become dislodged during a storm. Document these inspections with a checklist and photos. Consider using a third party inspector. This will prove valuable in the event of storm damage as you deal with insurance claims.
2. Check/test all backup systems- emergency lighting, generators.
3. Plan, document, and then train employees on your site specific emergency plan. Include a means to account for each employee and a 'safe' gathering place post storm.
4. Prepare an emergency contact list that includes utility companies and the names of a general contractor, and roofing, plumbing, and electrical contractors. It should also include your insurance company and the name of a company specializing in disaster cleanup. Establish a chain of command for post storm assessment and assign tasks to each team member to eliminate confusion and improve response.
5. Prepare storm emergency kits to address basic needs post storm until emergency personnel arrive. This should include items for basic first aid, including blankets for shock victims, and flashlights.

The S. M. Wilson warranty and service division can assist you with any or all of these tasks. A personalized tracking spreadsheet with automatic reminders for these and other routine maintenance items can also be created.

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